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CITIZENSHIP FOUNDATION DAY

The Crispus Attacks Call to Colored Americans

Fellow American of Color:

Last year the National Equal Rights League began the effort for a countrywide observance of the death of Crispus Attucks as a National Colored American Day, a race-day for liberty for public observance. We now renew the effort.

The United States of America came into being not as a piece of adventure nor by war of conquest, but by sacrifice and the spilling of human blood for the sacred principle of liberty in government because "all men are born equal." The inalienable rights of men were written down in defense of rebellion and revolution.

Realize then the glory to the element who spilled the first blood, and the claim to equal liberty of the race who gave the first martyr of the fight!

The honor of producing the proto-martyr for this Republic, belongs solely to us. Anglo-Saxonism says that "Blood is the price of Liberty." Since we produced the first martyr and we alone have been enslaved and are now denied equality, held in contempt by Americans of lighter hue, the call comes, in pride of race, to publicly observe the death of Crispus Attucks, who fell facing British soldiers leading a band of white men, on State street, Boston, March 5, 1770, sealing our American birth-right.

By that first blood we attained foundation title to all of liberty and rights. We need to tell our rising generation of this ground title to citizenship to assure the middle-aged. We need universally to celebrate this date that we may cause our white fellow-Americans to realize our real original Americanism and our claim to every right.

Well may there be added the way and principle, the black man's fight for rights under the black man's auspices, and observances of "Citizenship Foundation Day" be held by committees of our race formed now to observe the 105th Anniversary of Frederick Douglass' birth, or formed



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at these Douglas celebrations on Feb. 14th, these committees to be permanent for race-days observances and any race defense which they may serve becoming local branches of the races own national body, the National Equal Rights League.

From our National Headquarters in Boston, the Home of Abolition at 34 Cornhill directly opposite the spot where Attucks started with his band to charge the Red-Coats, we appeal to our race to make March 5th a permanent Annual Race Day on which to notify the country of the tremendous service to white Americans which our race has rendered in every danger from Boston Massacre to the World War. Likewise we appeal to our race for concerted action in the creation of a strong national racial agency for American rights through these Douglass Day and Attucks Day Committee, making them into local branches of our national body. Let us stand on our own legs in a fight for rights.

Rev. M. A. N. Shaw, Pres.; Rev. T. J. Moppins, Vice-Pres.; J. L. Neill, Rec. Sec.; Rev. H. B. Mays, Organizer; M. W. Spencer, Treas.; Rev. C. M. Tanner, Fin. Sec.; Rev. S. E. Watson, Exec. Chairman; W. Monroe Trotter, Cor. Sec., 34 Cornhill, Boston. Feb. 9, 1922.

ATTORNEY ALVA L. BATES APPOINTED BY STATES ATTORNEY CROWE

State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe has appointed Alva L. Bates an Assistant State's Attorney for the County of Cook. Attorney Bates is one of our most promising young lawyers and will become a valuable asset to the staff of legal minds on duty at the Criminal Court building. He has been prominent in Third Ward politics and is a member of the regular organization of the Ward. His appointment is due to the untiring efforts of Committeeman W. A. Bither and Alderman R. R. Jackson. Mr. Crowe has given the Race added and merited recognition in the appointment of Mr. Bates.—"C"



THE LATE IMMORTAL FREDERICK DOUGLASS

He Was the First Colored Man in This Country to Edit and Publish a Newspaper. He Stood Head and Shoulders Above All the Other Great Champions of Liberty and Justice and Never Ceased Fighting Until the Shackles Were Stricken from the Limbs of More Than Four Million Slaves. This Coming Week His One-Hundredth and Fifth Birthday Anniversary Should Be Fittingly Observed By the Colored People in All Parts of the United States.

THE LATE PEDRO TINSLEY

By Dr. M. A. Majors

Overcoming the handicaps, moving away the obstruction is too frequently the cause of failure among individuals. Born just a few years before the Emancipation, and in the first years of his childhood he could not see much of truth and honor in those Virginia hills. The country about was rack-ridden to poverty and squalor.

Many years after the great change condition of our people from slavery to freedom, restlessness and anxiety stole into his youthful heart, and so he sought the great spirit of the Northland. Education does not always come out of the discipline of school restrictions and regulations, yet he went to the school, while at other times engaged a private tutor.

There are some things in us that will not be cowed by limitation of opportunity. This truism applies to Lincoln and Frederick Douglass in a very remarkable degree. Mr. Tinsley chose a path for his untutored life in the very early music life of his race, and he sought to develop along that art. When the great need came for a choral study club in the larger life of the colored people of this great city it was Pedro Tinsley, promoting, forwarding, and directing it. He did not measure the regard and lofty appreciation of his people by meager talent in the local field. He sent to Europe, to Boston, New York, Baltimore and Washington, and in his home city staged some very pretentious public recitals that elicited the favorable criticism of the very greatest artists, and lovers of song.

As we view him in retrospect, the mind is alert and fancy free. He was precise, genteel, kind, and the very personification of a dignity so little we find among our race. We may go a word further and proclaim Pedro Tinsley an aristocrat, he almost was, whether you believe it or not.

Yet in paying honest tribute to one among us so worthy, we must not fail to applaud the noble attributes of the man still plodding in the humble walk of human service. Wealth would have made him a man of power, beloved while greatly honored and feared. A finished, ripened scholarship would have set his name bejeweled among the illustrious musicians of the races.

Though handicaps obstructed his pathway, he built himself a strong fortress in the hearts of those he cared to know.

He was an author of a book on music and song, which confirms the idea that his mind was lofty and that he fostered the culture and refinement that was evinced by his daily life.

Recently in honor and sincere memory the Chicago colored musicians, and our very best talent in music and literature paid him a memorial tribute at the Presbyterian Church which was attended by people in all of the highest walks of life. He led while he lived, ever upholding and preaching for the noblest in human life.

BACK FROM SOUTH

Mrs. F. W. Johnson, 3812 Eden avenue, is back from a five weeks' visit with relatives and friends at Nashville, Columbus and Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., where she spent an enjoyable stay.

THE COOK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION GAVE A DELIGHTFUL BANQUET AT THE APPOMATTOX CLUB, AT THE INSTALLATION OF ITS NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS, LAST FRIDAY EVENING.

HON. SILAS H. STRAWN, PRESIDENT OF THE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS, AND HON. GEORGE PACKARD, PRESIDENT OF THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION, WERE AMONG THE LEADING SPEAKERS.

BY CLARENCE H. BURKE

Friday evening the Cook County Bar Association gave its annual banquet and installation of officers at the Appomattox Club, 3632 Grand boulevard.

It was a remarkable gathering of legal lights and will be long remembered by the association and its guests, many of whom responded to the invitation which had been extended. The correspondent was surprised, however, to note the absence of so many of our lawyers of prominence, some of whose names even appeared on the speakers' program. Perhaps this was unavoidable, but there were many faces missing which one would naturally expect on such an occasion, but their absence did not in any manner prevent the carrying out of an excellent program by the many eloquent speakers. It merely emphasized to the writer and the public, the fact that the association is fast filling its ranks with young men of energy and initiative, who can be safely trusted to keep up the interest and manage its affairs.

The first speaker was the Hon. J. G. Cotter, assistant United States district attorney, who gave a brief historical sketch of the organization and growth of the Cook County Bar Association and the part it has played and is playing in the development of the race in Chicago; its work in the race riot of 1919, when its members, assisted by the Chicago Peace and Protective League, gave legal aid to those who were in need of it. He related how, in 1912, a few men, including the late George W. Ellis, F. L. Barnett and himself, met to voice their dissatisfaction at not being able to gain admission to the Chicago Bar Association, which is composed of the leading white jurists and lawyers, and from which all except two or three colored lawyers were excluded. Out of this discussion grew the determination to form an association of their own. Hon. Edward H. Wright was chosen president. From this small beginning the organization has grown until it is known and respected throughout the state of Illinois.

Mr. Cotter was followed by Hon. R. E. Westbrooks, the new president, who held his audience spellbound with his eloquence. Among the invited guests who addressed the association were the Hon. George Packard of the Chicago Bar Association, Judge Henry M. Walker, Hon. Silas H. Strawn, president of the Illinois State Bar Association, Hon. John M. Diener of the Patent Law Association and Judge Joseph B. David, whom the toastmaster, Mr. Porter, introduced as one of the many fair-minded and impartial jurists on the bench. Other speakers were W. E. Mollison, Major John R. Lynch and Mr. Stradford.

The new officers installed were as follows:

R. E. Westbrooks, president.

Attorney C. Francis Stradford, first vice president.

Violet N. Anderson, second vice president.

J. Harold Mosley, third vice president.

O. A. Clark, treasurer.

Wm. L. Offord, secretary.

Board of directors—Willis E. Mollison, Hon. James A. Scott, Henry M. Porter, J. Gray Lucas, A. E. Patterson and N. S. Taylor.

Attorney Henry M. Porter, master of ceremonies. Committee on arrangements—Harry B. Gaines, Oliver A. Clark; Benj. G. Pollard, chairman.

The following excellent menu was served and greatly enjoyed by all of the distinguished invited guests:

Menu—Cocktail a la Cook County Bar Association, soup a la Gaines, celery, pickles, olives, spring chicken a la Westbrooks, French peas, candied sweet, hot rolls, salad a la Pollard, ice cream and cake, demi tasse, after-dinner mints.

of everything that requires gaudy show, glamor, noise and blatant pretense. Many of our best dressed representatives in church, politics, medicine, law, and journalism would be absolute failures if we didn't have the fool to give us the chance to take his money away from him. Of course we don't have to hold him up to get it. If he had sense enough to keep it he would be very much of a fool.

TOO MANY COLORED PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY

Jackson, Mississippi.—There are too many colored people in the United States, according to State Senator McCallum of the Mississippi Legislature who has recently introduced a resolution asking the Mississippi Legislature to memorialize the President of the United States and Congress to buy land in Africa to which the American colored people are to be deported. The resolution provides for the purchase of territory in Africa by treaty, purchase, or other negotiations. This territory is to be under the tutelage of the American Government, to the end that America itself may become a nation of one blood and that the American colored people may have a chance for racial development under the most advantageous circumstances. McCallum recommends that whatever portion of the allied war debt as may be necessary, should be used to acquire the land for this purpose.

Only one thing seems to have been overlooked by the Hon. Senator, and that is, how even the Mississippi colored people will be induced or enabled by the Mississippi Legislature to go to Africa. It seems that that is a very necessary part of the procedure especially since there are about as many colored people in Mississippi as there are whites. Again in Mississippi where one out of every ten illiterates is white and where the intervening shades are so numerous and various, it may be a question to determine who is a colored person. Of course, such things don't bother McCallum.

Manager Tom Norman expects that "Way Down East" will fill the Avenue Theater from pit to dome during its four days at that theater. No advance in the prices of admission.

EVOLUTION OF THE FOOL

By Dr. M. A. Majors

A fool is not without the pale of consequences. He is not accidental, but acquires development from practice. Sometimes you would think he was a man of affairs, or a woman of respectful consideration. Qualifications are never overlooked in the gradual growth of a fool. They apply themselves diligently to make themselves appear to be what they can never be, and the sad thing about it is that they become to be accepted on their face value. If you wish to avoid the antics of the fool you will have to deny yourself the pleasures



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DALLAS, TEXAS, IS STILL ON THE MAP

Dr. Will W. Alexander, prominent in Inter-racial Committee Work in Atlanta, Georgia, spoke before the open forum here a few days ago to an audience of about seven hundred, presenting the usual southern picture of Negroes in the balcony and whites on the main floor. Dr. Alexander in his talk developed the regular program of inter-racial work which has come to be known as the Atlanta Plan. This plan decries over-emphasis of the evil in each race and advises the formation of councils composed of representatives from both races which should work out a policy or furnish a medium of adjustment concerning all matters which are of mutual interest to the two races. Among the conditions contemplated are especially health, morals, mob-violence. Dr. Alexander paid his respects to those who circulate wild rumors concerning radical tendencies among the Negro population. He made it very clear, however, that the South was unwilling to listen to outside advice on the Negro problem, feeling as he does that whatever improvement may come must result from a more sympathetic attitude originating in the white south.

ACTIVITY OF THE URBAN LEAGUE OF CHICAGO

T. Arnold Hill, Secretary of the Chicago Urban League, is out of the city for a few days. He went to Richmond, Virginia, because of the death of his grandmother who was buried there last week. Mr. Hill plans to spend a few days in Richmond which was his home, and then in New York before returning here.

A number of prominent society women, among them Mrs. Julia Anderson, Mrs. Maude George, Mrs. Florence Jones, Mrs. Lula Lawson, Mrs. Alone Williams and Miss Haidee York have accepted places on the committee to promote the Chicago Urban League Rummage Sale which is to be held at the League office, 3032 South Wabash avenue, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. A number of very useful articles have already been contributed by inter-

NEWS ITEM—PONTOTOC, MISSISSIPPI

William Arthur Bell was lynched here last week while authorities pretended they were trying to spirit him out of town. Bell had been placed in the sheriff's auto, curtains were drawn and the auto was speeding through a back street, however when it reached a narrow part of the street another automobile, also curtained, ran in front of it and stopped, blocking the way. One of the occupants shot into the sheriff's car and Bell jumped to the running board. Then the other opened fire upon him and killed him. The sheriff and his deputies were armed and presumably awake to account is given of any shots fired by the sheriff or his party; neither the car number noticed, and the persons guilty of the lynching escaped without a scratch. Just another reason for the Dyer Bill.

INSTALL OFFICERS

The officers of the American Beauty Charity Club were installed on Jan. 31st at the Metropolitan Community Center Church by Mrs. Lou Ella Young, D. G. M. N. G., 3556 Glen avenue. Officers were: J. P. Winston, president; Mrs. Addie Chapman, vice president; Mrs. Pearl Hall, secretary. The Children's Auxiliary of the Club of which Mrs. Tennie Stewart is mother matron, is doing splendid work. Following the installation, a banquet was given after which presents of appreciation for their past services were presented to the officers and to the installing officer. These presents were flowers, gold medals and cut glass. Miss Gertrude Jackson was the pianist and Mrs. Hattie Winston, general chairman on this occasion.



HON. MICHAEL K. SHERIDAN

Candidate for Member of the Board of Assessors of Cook County Who Has in the Past Ably Served All the People in That Capacity.